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4th PS Battalion in Rozvadov.

1. Prior to 1 March 1952, the 4th PS Bn with Utvar No 7391 in Rozvadov (N 50/P 43) was subordinate to the 12th PS Brig, Utvar No 8356, in Plana (N 50/P 55). The 1st Bn in Zandov (N 51/P 46), the 2d Bn in Halze (N 50/P 44), the 3d Bn in Lesna (N 50/P 43) and the training center in Chodova Plana (N 50/P 55) were also subordinate to this brigade which was commanded by Lieutenant Subrt (fnu). Senior Lieutenant Janu (fnu) was chief of staff and deputy commanding officer and Captain Neporony (fnu) was the political officer. *
2. Lieutenant Zadrazil (fnu) was commanding officer of the 4th Bn. The units subordinate to the battalion included the 16th Co in Jedlina (N 50/P 43); the 17th Co in Hranicky (N 50/P 43); the 18th Co in Hove Joriky (N 50/P 43); the 19th Co, Utvar No 6399; and POB 56/451, in Novy Dvur, 3 km southwest of Rozvadov; the 20th Co in Diana (N 50/P 52); and a reserve unit in Rozvadov. According to a cook, the components of the battalion quartered in Rozvadov numbered about 120 men. *
3. The 19th Co in Novy Dvur totaled 56 men and had two dogs. Only two Slovaks were among the troops. The company was armed with 50 new Czech rifles and old German rifles, 56 submachine guns, 4 light machine guns and 1 heavy machine gun. The new rifles frequently had stoppages. In August 1951, the company received new Czech gas masks. Their filters were packed in a linen pocket which was carried at the left side. The company was equipped with 1 Skoda-Tudor armored reconnaissance car and 1 motorcycle. In July 1951, the old offensive hand grenades were replaced by new hand grenades which could not be unscrewed. In February 1952, the company was issued so-called warning traps (nastrahovadla). They consisted of a rocket to be released by means of a string which was stretched about 50 centimeters beyond the ground. The sector of the company was about 3 km long and was guarded by stationary three-man details. In May 1951, the company was inspected by General Pavel (fnu) from Prague and, in September 1951, by Captain Hrcmadka (fnu), who, at the time, was commanding officer of the brigade. *

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25X1 Miscellaneous.

- [REDACTED] 4. Prior to 1 February 1951, an infantry regiment was stationed in Tabor (O 50/M 01). Its officers included Colonel Hugo Sevcik, commanding officer; Lieutenant Colonel Fara (fnu), deputy commanding officer; Staff Captain Troner (fnu), political officer; and Major Hora (fnu), DOZ officer. Components of the regiment were located in Jihlava (O 50/M 61) and Dacice (O 50/R 68) including an NCO school under the command of Staff Captain Bacak (fnu) in the Large Barracks in Jihlava. **

Premilitary Training near Brno.

5. Prior to 23 December 1951, the apprentices of a plant in Bosice near Brno (P 50/N 40) had to participate in a premilitary training which was conducted once a week after working hours. During the first two months, the training consisted of formal drill, which later was followed by field training. Soldiers from Brno served as instructors.
6. In the spring of 1951, enrollments for the officer candidate schools were made in an industrial plant near Brno. Boys from 15 years of age upwards could apply for admission. In contrast to the managers of the plant, the apprentices showed a great interest in these schools. Source saw a large number of these officer candidates in Brno. They wore blue uniforms with silver stripes on the left lower sleeve as distinctive marks of the individual classes and a blue black-rimmed beret with the Czech lion.

25X1 Fuel Dump in Domasin.

- [REDACTED] 7. Prior to October 1950, a military fuel depot was noticed in a small woods near the Domasin (O 50/M 14) railroad station. The fuel containers were dug in the ground. The installation was guarded by double sentries along the fence and one sentry on a observation tower, ten meters high. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] railroad tank cars being pushed on the side track into the depot and
- 25X1 emptied through hoses into the underground containers. No details were available on the size of the depot and the quantity of fuel. ***

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. The report substantially confirms information supplied by other

25X1 sources. [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. There have been various reports on infantry units in the towns mentioned. However, further information is required to identify these units. Another source also mentioned Staff Captain Bacak (fnu) as commanding officer of an NCO school in Jihlava in the spring of 1951.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. In 1948, detailed information had been submitted on the fuel depot near Domasin. The depot is 400 x 250 meters and contains aircraft engine oil and aircraft gasoline. In 1948, it consisted of 48 containers with a capacity of 30 cubic meters each and had storage space for 110 tons of oil and four pumping houses with Diesel drive.

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